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NOTE FOR: Community Security Group

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SUBJECT: SECOM Papers

1. Col. Newman presented to SECOM two well staffed and long worked over papers for consideration at 13 November meeting.
2. The "consideration" resulted in a very long, disjointed and sometimes irrelevant period of talk.
3. Agreed that some members may have held diverse opinions that merited detailed presentation, it seemed to me that their presentations were not what should have been expected of a decision making body.
4. In searching for ways to prevent repetition of this type session, it seems to me that we can shorten the discussion periods if we:
 - a. Send copies to members in advance of a meeting.
 - b. Ask expert speakers to address the issue after members have an opportunity to review the papers (this will also help them to phrase relevant questions.
 - c. Attach a vote sheet to the papers when we send them out with instructions to sign and return prior to or at the decision meeting.
5. Lets try it this way in the future.

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